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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/803,945 Confirmation No. 7176  
Applicant : K. SHIMOOKA et al.  
Filed : March 19, 2004  
Title : DATA PROTECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
AND COMPUTER SYSTEM  
TC/AU : 2132  
Examiner : V. Perungavoor  
Customer No.: 24956

**AMENDMENT****MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time and required fee accompany this paper.**